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YOU'VE AN APPOINT-MENT WITH THE C.E.O. OF ECO, RAVAGE...
IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS HORNED MAN, HE'LL GET IT OUT OF YOU.
HENTON...? HA! HE COULDN'T GET LIGHT OUT OF A LASER.

I DISAGREE. I THINK HE COULD... ONCE.
HOWEVER, ANDERTHORP HENTON IS SADLY NO LONGER WITH US.
HE'S TAKEN A PERMANENT VACATION.
WHO THE SHOCK ARE YOU?

I AM THE FEARMASTER... THAT'S MY TITLE AT ALCHEMAX... I ALSO HAVE AN OFFICE HERE.
HENTON'S OFFICE.
I MUST APOLOGIZE, RAVAGE, FOR THE WAY MR. HENTON TREATED YOU... HIS HANDLING OF YOU WAS APPALLING... SLOPPY...

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YES, THAT'S RIGHT... WE CALL THEM 'SENSOIDS'. A GIFT FROM MY STAR FRIENDS.
BUT I'VE GOT ANOTHER WAY OF DEALING WITH YOU NOW... MORE DIRECT... MORE PHYSICAL...
YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE MONSTERS APPEARING?
YES. RUN ALONG, DUPLEDGE. THERE'S A GOOD FELLOW.
AND AS YOU'RE GOING TO IGNORE HIS CRIMINAL ACTS, I SUGGEST YOU DO THE SAME WHERE I'M CONCERNED.
YOU DISPLAY A PLEASING UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CORRUPT MODERN SOCIETY, RAVAGE.
BUT, SIR... THERE'S THE MATTER OF RAVAGE'S CONNECTION WITH THE BEAST...
AH, YES... SOME MASKED MANIAC ON STEROIDS KNOCKING OUT YOUR MEN...
...AND YOU INVENT THE BOGEY MAN TO EXPLAIN YOUR IN-COMPETENCE.
GO AWAY, DUPLEDGE--YOU ANNOY ME.
I'VE HEARD OF YOU... DARRYL KING. HENTON'S DISC TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOUR UNPLEASANT "HOBBY" OF PETRIFYING YOUNG WOMEN.
AH, MY MIDAS TOUCH... WELL, I HAVEN'T TIME FOR SMALL TALK...
LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS...

STAN LEE PRESENTS:
Apocalypse NEXT
... NAMELY, HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOU!
THIS CYBERNETIC CREATURE SHOULD BE RATHER MORE OF A MATCH FOR YOU THAN THE MUTROIDS AND THE SENSOIDS.

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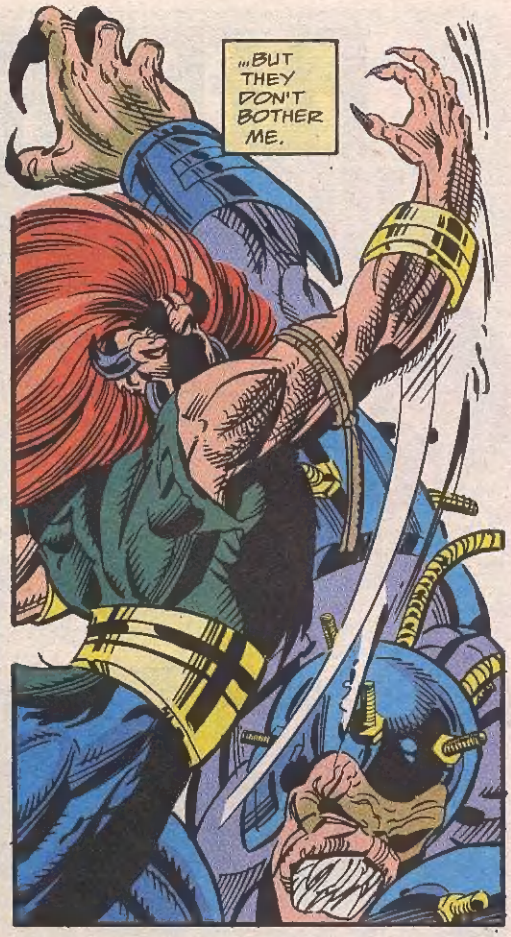
IT'S AN ANIMEK MARK THREE-- I'VE BEEN RATHER KEEN TO TEST IT OUT UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS.
ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, YOU'VE GOT GLOWING HANDS OR SOMETHING... SHOULD BE QUITE AN INTERESTING FIGHT...
MIND IF I WATCH?
WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY.
YOU'LL BE ON HAND FOR WHEN I'VE FINISHED WITH YOUR PUPPET!
EXCELLENT... YOU'VE PROVOKED THE ANIMEK NOW. AN ESSENTIAL PRELIMINARY TO IT...
"...TEARING YOU APART!"

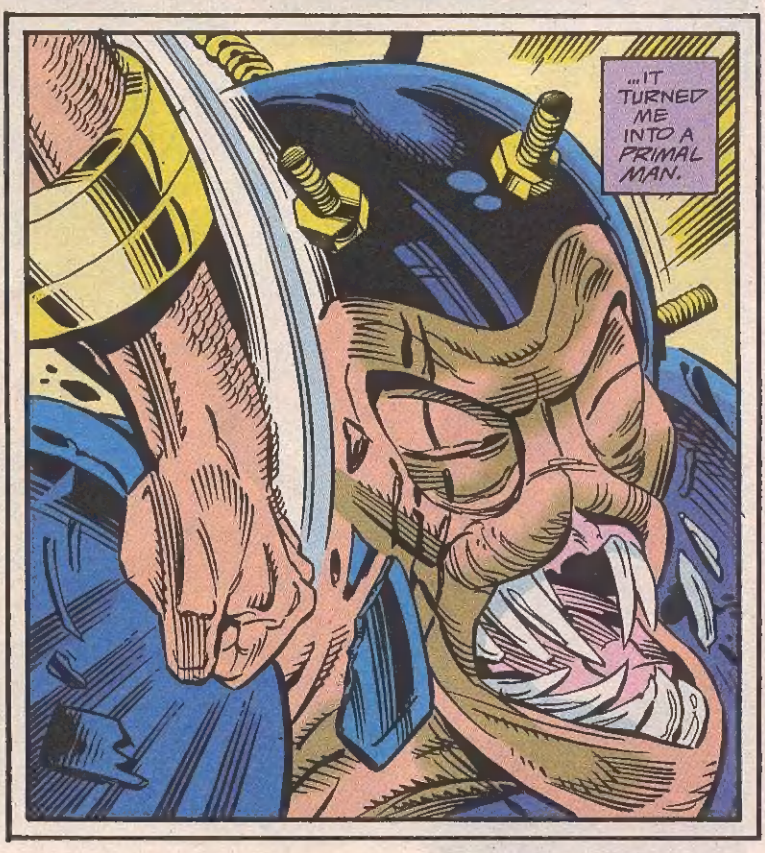
YOU SEE, THE ROBOT IS EQUIPPED WITH A LEOPARD'S BRAIN... WHICH MAKES IT INCREDIBLY FAST...
"... AND VICIOUS."
BUT IT DOESN'T SEEK CONFLICT WITH HUMANS -- UNLESS ATTACKED FIRST...
AN IRRITATING SHORTCOMING YOU HAVE JUST OVER-COME.
NOT SUCH A PUPPET AFTER ALL -- EH, RAVAGE?
RAVAGE...? ARE YOU STILL WITH US?
NO... I THINK NOT...

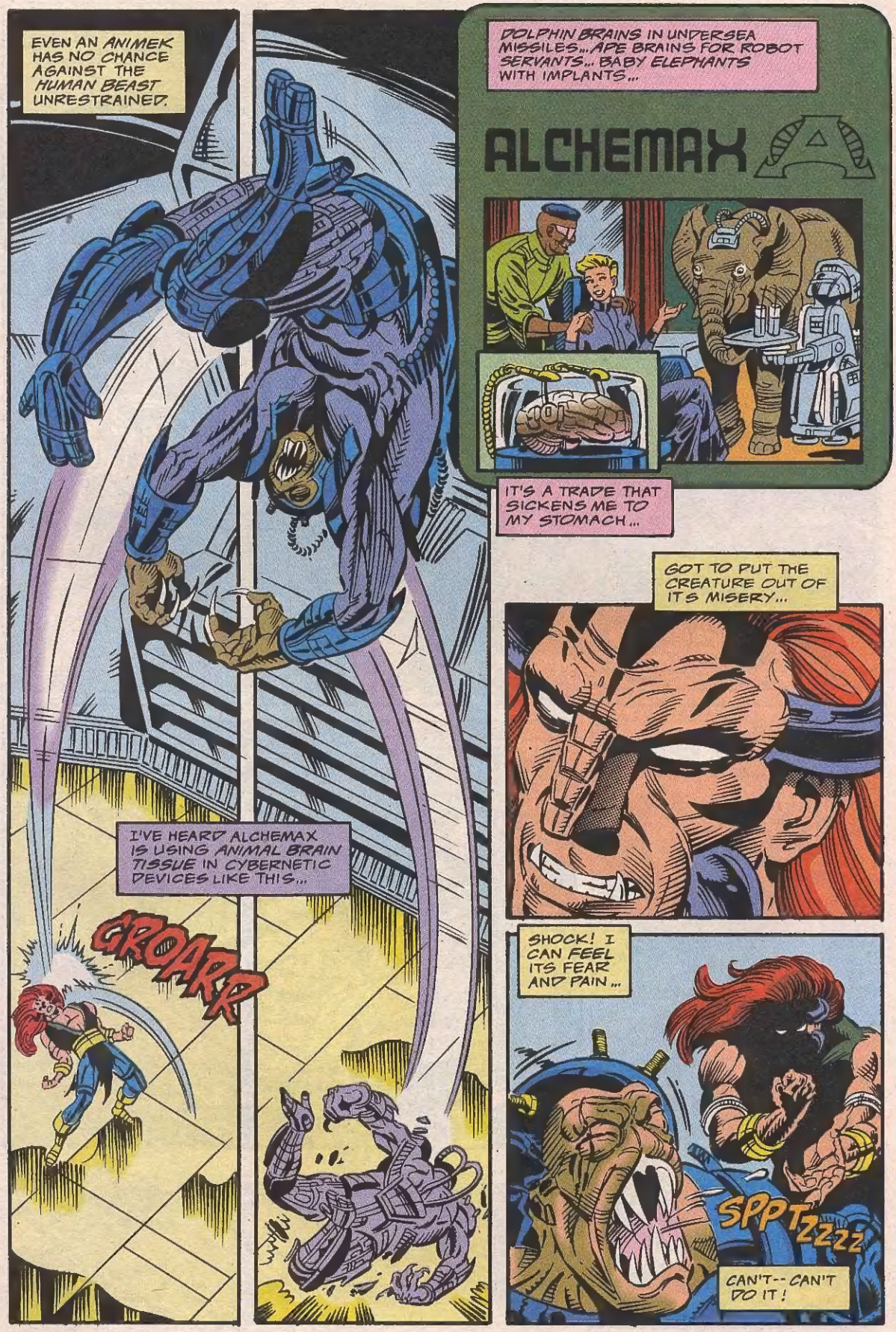
GRROWWL
SHAKK!
SOMETHING'S WRONG... HE SHOULD BE DEAD BY NOW. ATTACK HIM AGAIN, ANIMEK!
RRROARR!
WELL, WELL. IT SEEMS THERE IS A BEASTMAN-- AND YOU'RE IT...
I WONDER WHAT THIS MEANS?
"AH--I SEE..."

I CAN FEEL THE CREATURE'S CLAWS AND TEETH...


...BUT THEY DON'T BOTHER ME.

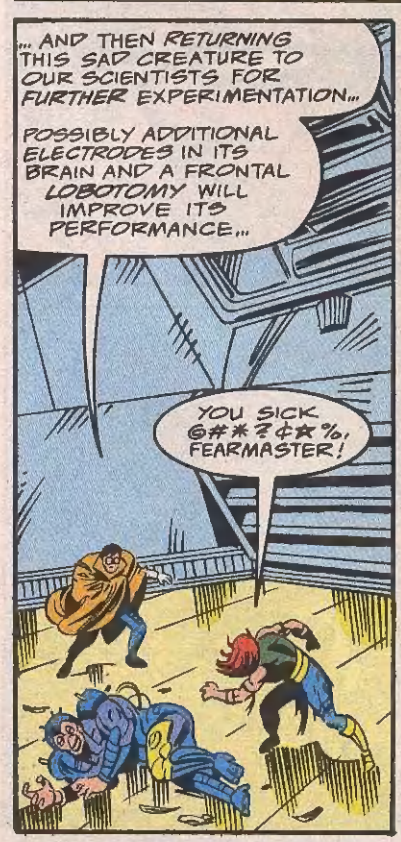
THIS BODY OF MINE WAS BORN FOR PAIN. FOR SOME REASON, THE TOXICITY OF HELLROCK DIDN'T TURN ME INTO A MUTROID...

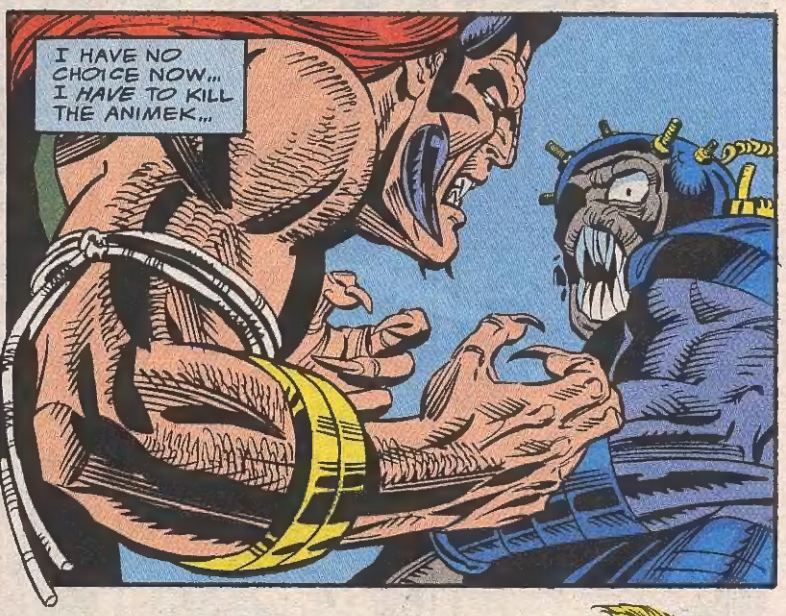

...IT TURNED ME INTO A PRIMAL MAN.

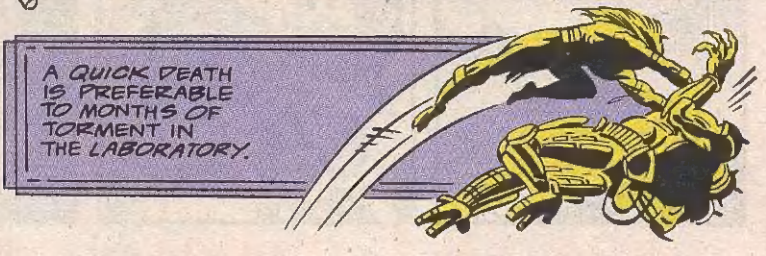

EVEN AN ANIMEK HAS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE HUMAN BEAST UNRESTRAINED.
I'VE HEARD ALCHEMAX IS USING ANIMAL BRAIN TISSUE IN CYBERNETIC DEVICES LIKE THIS...
GROARR
DOLPHIN BRAINS IN UNDERSEA MISSILES... APE BRAINS FOR ROBOT SERVANTS... BABY ELEPHANTS WITH IMPLANTS...
ALCHEMAX
IT'S A TRADE THAT SICKENS ME TO MY STOMACH...
GOT TO PUT THE CREATURE OUT OF ITS MISERY...
SHOCK! I CAN FEEL ITS FEAR AND PAIN...
SPPTZZZZ
CAN'T-- CAN'T DO IT!

WELL, WELL... IT APPEARS OUR MR. RAVAGE HAS A SOFT HEART... I CAN'T THINK WHY...
ECO'S "ANIMEK PROGRAM" IS AN EXCELLENT METHOD OF PRESERVING ENDANGERED SPECIES.

PERHAPS I CAN HELP YOU BY TURNING YOUR HEART TO COLD STONE...


... AND THEN RETURNING THIS SAD CREATURE TO OUR SCIENTISTS FOR FURTHER EXPERIMENTATION...
POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL ELECTRODES IN ITS BRAIN AND A FRONTAL LOBOTOMY WILL IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE...
YOU SICK @#*?¢★%, FEARMASTER!


I HAVE NO CHOICE NOW... I HAVE TO KILL THE ANIMEK...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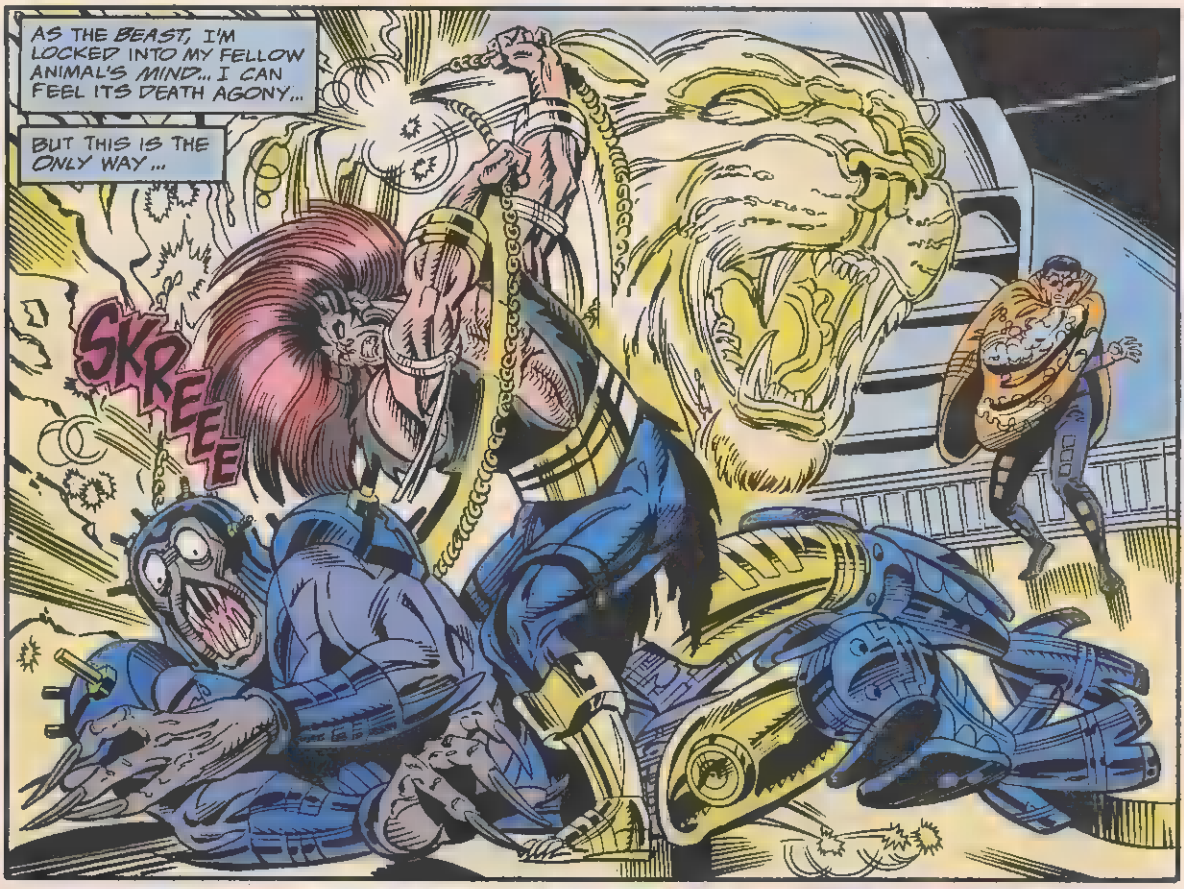
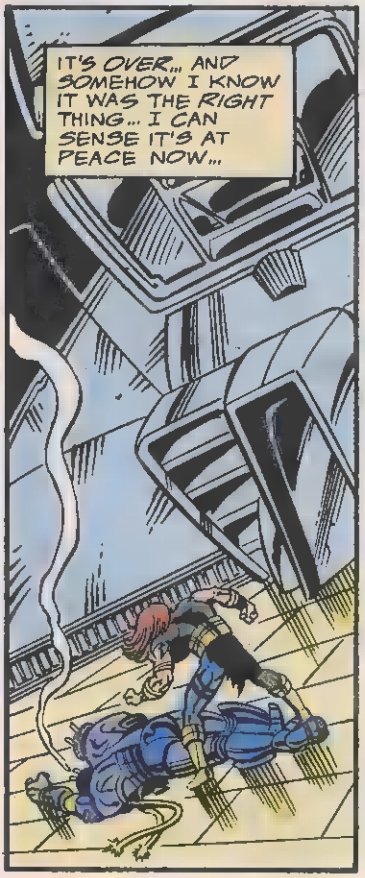
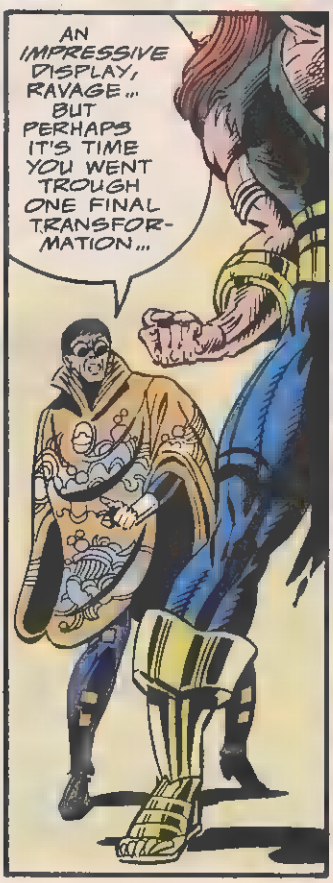

AS THE BEAST, I'M LOCKED INTO MY FELLOW ANIMAL'S MIND... I CAN FEEL ITS DEATH AGONY...
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY...
SKREEE

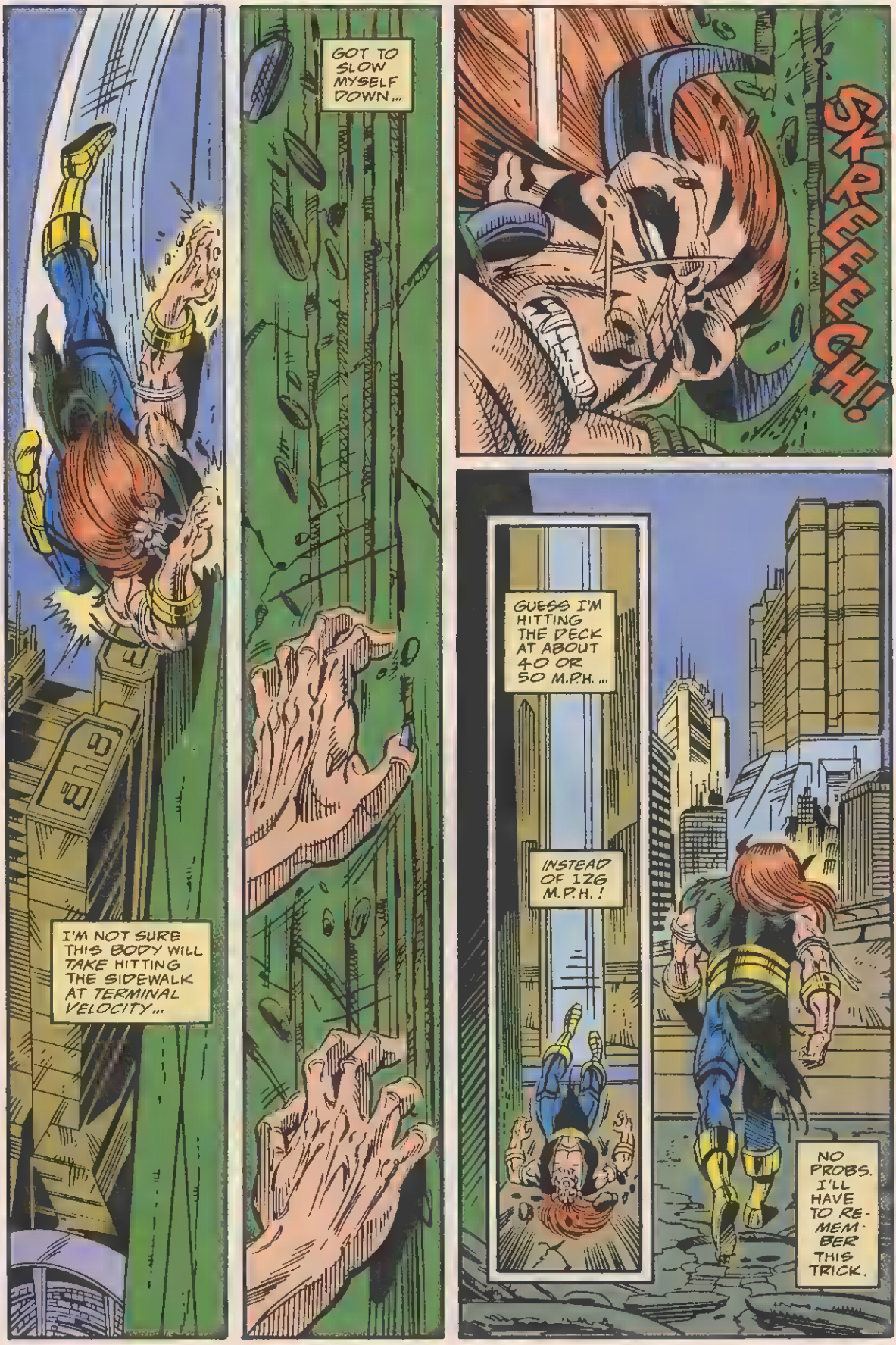

IT'S OVER... AND SOMEHOW I KNOW IT WAS THE RIGHT THING... I CAN SENSE IT'S AT PEACE NOW...


AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY, RAVAGE... BUT PERHAPS IT'S TIME YOU WENT TROUGH ONE FINAL TRANSFORMATION...

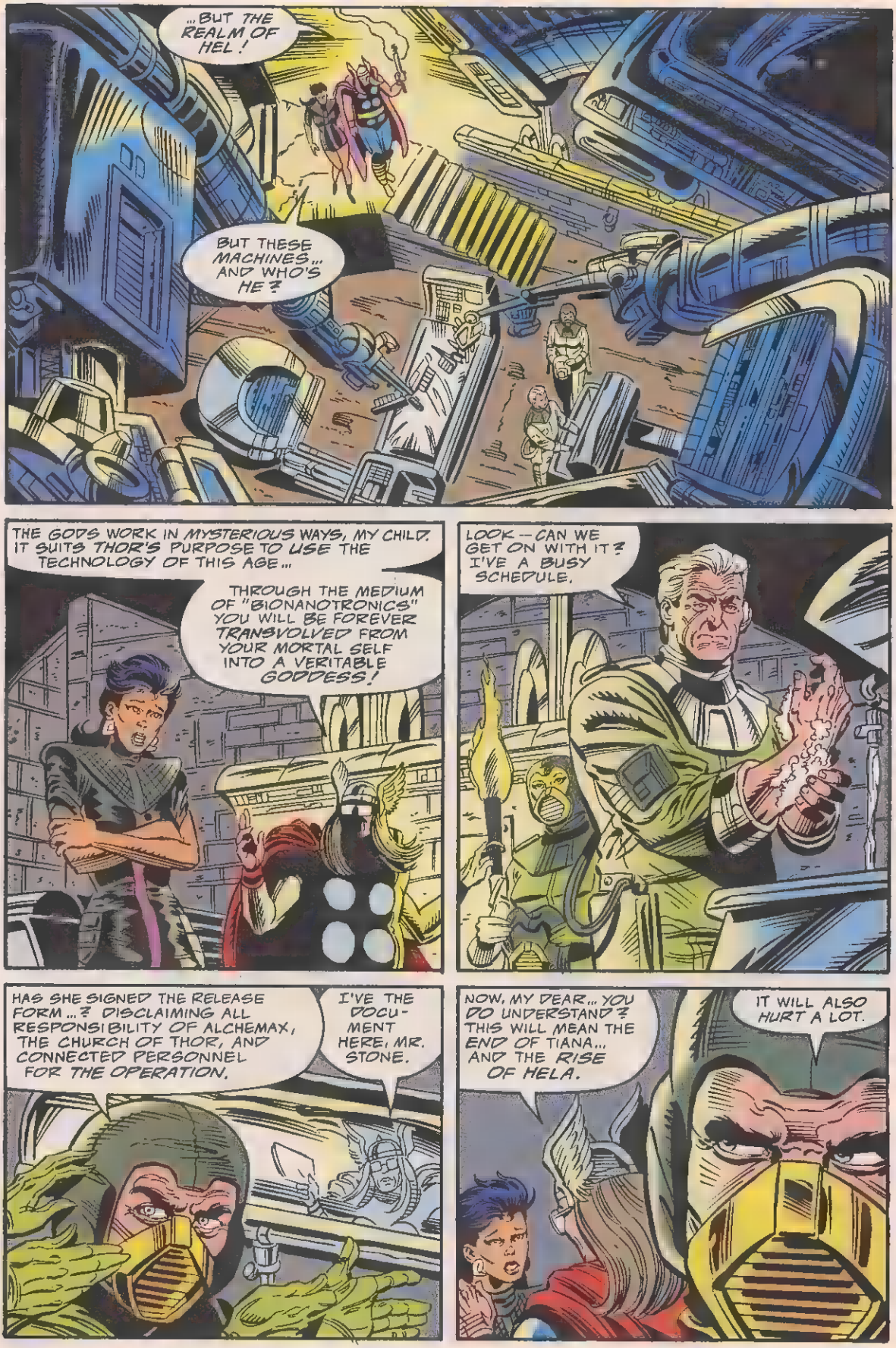
DO IT, MAN! I CAN TAKE IT...
AND THEN I'LL SHRED YOU!

HMM... DO WE REALLY HAVE TO GO DOWN THIS PATH?
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE -- UNLESS I PERMIT IT...
AND I'D RATHER WE DIDN'T GET PHYSICAL... YOU'VE PROVED YOUR POINT!
I PROPOSE A DEAL...
GRRR! NO DEALS!
LISTEN... YOUR SAFE EXIT... AND IN RETURN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE "KILLER BEAST MAN" IS PAUL-PHILIP RAVAGE REMAINS A SECRET.
YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT A SECRET ANYWAY... THE NEW C.E.O. OF ECO CAN'T AFFORD TO SCREW UP SO EARLY IN HIS CAREER...
OTHERWISE YOUR BOSS MIGHT SEND YOU TO JOIN HENTON!
SO LET ME SAVE HIM THE TROUBLE!
I SEE THERE'S NO REASONING WITH YOU!
PERHAPS WE'LL TALK AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE CALMER!

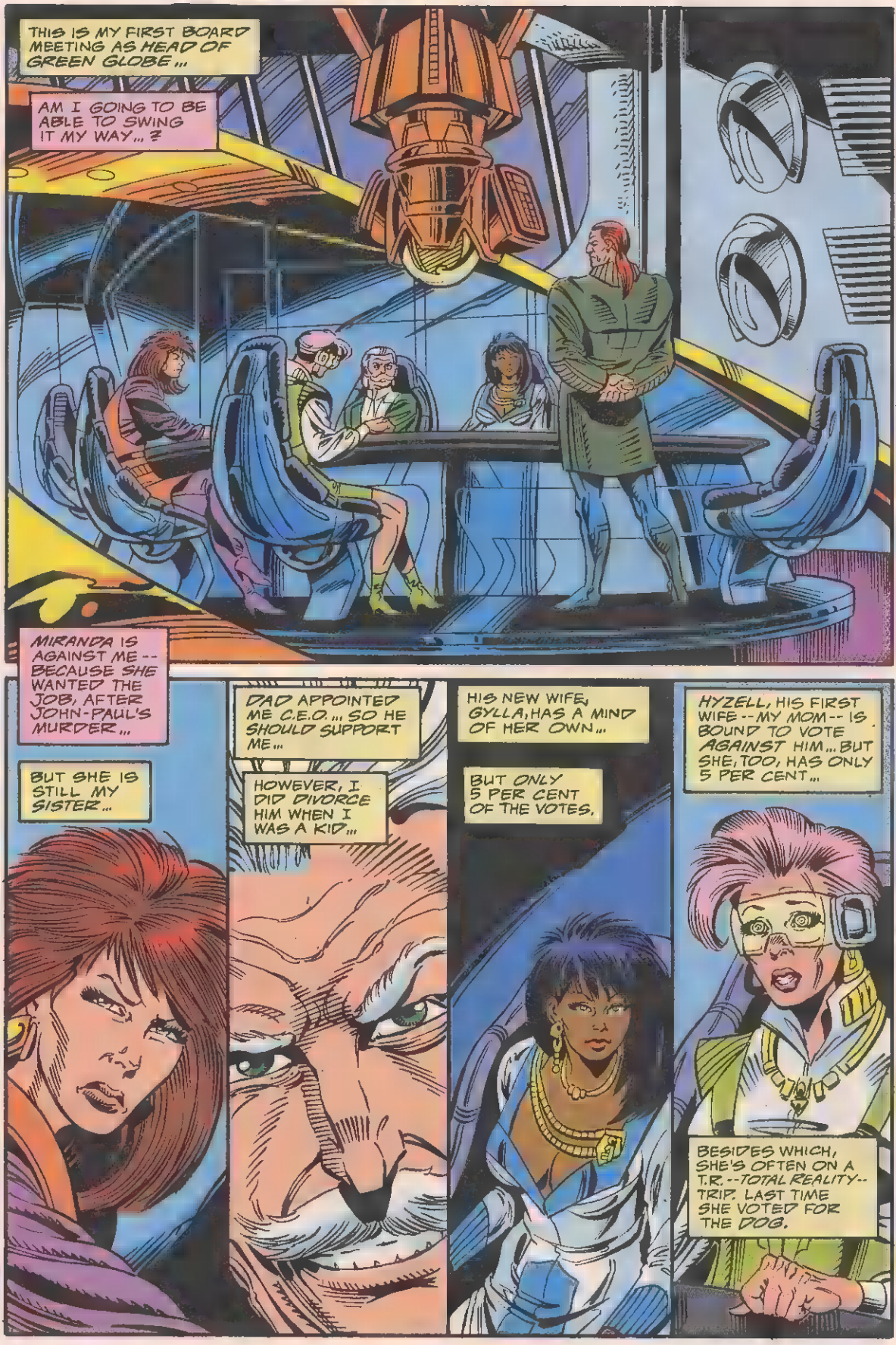
SHOCK IT! A BOLT HOLE JUST LIKE HENTON'S!
HE NEEDN'T FOOL HIMSELF WE'LL REACH ANY ACCORD... HE'S STILL MY ENEMY...
AND WHEN WE MEET AGAIN HE'LL PAY FOR WHAT HE'S DONE TO MY FELLOW BEASTS!
THE UPDRAFT AND THE BUILDING'S GRAVITY IS PULLING ME BACK IN...


I'M NOT SURE THIS BODY WILL TAKE HITTING THE SIDEWALK AT TERMINAL VELOCITY...
GOT TO SLOW MYSELF DOWN...
SKREECH!
GUESS I'M HITTING THE DECK AT ABOUT 40 OR 50 M.P.H. ...
INSTEAD OF 126 M.P.H.!
NO PROBS. I'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER THIS TRICK.

I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK, MY CHILD.
THIS WAY... FOLLOW ME...
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
WHERE ELSE...


...BUT THE REALM OF HEL!
BUT THESE MACHINES... AND WHO'S HE?
THE GODS WORK IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS, MY CHILD. IT SUITS THOR'S PURPOSE TO USE THE TECHNOLOGY OF THIS AGE...
THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF "BIONANOTRONICS" YOU WILL BE FOREVER TRANSVOLVED FROM YOUR MORTAL SELF INTO A VERITABLE GODDESS!
LOOK -- CAN WE GET ON WITH IT? I'VE A BUSY SCHEDULE.
HAS SHE SIGNED THE RELEASE FORM...? DISCLAIMING ALL RESPONSIBILITY OF ALCHEMAX, THE CHURCH OF THOR, AND CONNECTED PERSONNEL FOR THE OPERATION.
I'VE THE DOCUMENT HERE, MR. STONE.
NOW, MY DEAR... YOU DO UNDERSTAND? THIS WILL MEAN THE END OF TIANA... AND THE RISE OF HELA.
IT WILL ALSO HURT A LOT.

I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES-- I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS... I'M NOT HAPPY WITH TIANA...
IF THERE'S A CHANCE TO START AGAIN AS SOMEONE POWERFUL--I'M ALL FOR IT.
GOOD GIRL. NOW THE NURSE WILL SHOW YOU WHERE TO CHANGE INTO THE OP-GOWN... AND PREPARE YOU FOR THE MACHINES...
GOOD... NOW BEFORE YOU LIE ON THE ALTAR --DRINK THIS ELIXIR THAT WILL USHER YOU INTO THE REALM OF THE GODS.
IT'S A STRONG SEDATIVE TO STOP YOU THRASHING AROUND ON THE OPERATING TABLE.
BZZZZT!
AAAHHH!


THIS IS MY FIRST BOARD MEETING AS HEAD OF GREEN GLOBE...
AM I GOING TO BE ABLE TO SWING IT MY WAY...?
MIRANDA IS AGAINST ME -- BECAUSE SHE WANTED THE JOB, AFTER JOHN-PAUL'S MURDER...
BUT SHE IS STILL MY SISTER...
DAD APPOINTED ME C.E.O... SO HE SHOULD SUPPORT ME...
HOWEVER, I DID DIVORCE HIM WHEN I WAS A KID...
HIS NEW WIFE, GYLLA, HAS A MIND OF HER OWN...
BUT ONLY 5 PER CENT OF THE VOTES,
HYZELL, HIS FIRST WIFE -- MY MOM -- IS BOUND TO VOTE AGAINST HIM... BUT SHE, TOO, HAS ONLY 5 PER CENT...
BESIDES WHICH, SHE'S OFTEN ON A T.R. --TOTAL REALITY-- TRIP. LAST TIME SHE VOTED FOR THE DOG.

SO... TO THE PROBLEM IN HAND... GREEN GLOBE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE BUILDING OF SKY CITY OVER THE ATLANTIC...
YES -- WE'VE SUPPLIED THE RE-CYCLING UNITS... BIO TOPSOIL... FIVE AUTO-SUNS... ONE OF OUR MOST PROFITABLE VENTURES.
BUT, DAD— ACCORDING TO THE SECRET INFORMATION I'VE GLEANED FROM THE ALCHEMAX DISC, THE THING'S UNSAFE.
ITS ANTI-GRAVITY GENERATORS ARE USING ILLEGAL -- POSSIBLY EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL -- LONG WAVE AMPLIFIERS...
...THEY'RE CARCINOGENIC TO LIFE ON EARTH AND CAUSE STORMS AND OTHER METEOROLOGICAL HAVOC...
IF IT EVER GOT OVER LAND, THE ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES COULD BE DISASTROUS!
"IF"... "IF"... WHAT IS IT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, SON?
I WANT GREEN GLOBE TO PULL OUT -- ON ETHICAL GROUNDS.

BULLPEN BULLETINS

All Hallow's Eve looms ever closer, and all kinds of scary things are lurking about— monsters, demons, and, perhaps the scariest of all — heavy metal singers! These days, so many rock stars are haunting the halls of Marvel, they've started making long-distance dedications to each other!

There's a line in a **Row** song that says, "Your Park Avenue leads to Skid Row." We found the opposite to be true recently, **Sebastian Bach**, lead singer for Skid Row, dropped by for a pow-wow with rock 'n roll editor **Todd**. Sebastian, who is slightly older than eighteen — but still has life to go — is a major-league Marveloid, and is very involved in the plotting of our one-shot SKID ROW comic which is due next Spring. Editor Mort says, "The SKID ROW comic will be so cosmic it will make the Infinity War look like a pillow fight!"

You know what's really scary? How about a biweekly deadline! That's what BARBIE FASHION writer **Barbara Slate** faces every two weeks her new comic strip, "Makin'. Ends Meet," which just started running in *First For Women Magazine* a month or so back. The strip, which is written, drawn, lettered, and colored by Barbara; deals with the adventures of Rosie, an "optimistic, clever, adventurous, and independent" young actress trying to make it in the big city.

"Makin' Ends Meet" tells a continuing story, though each individual strip will stand on its own; as Barbara put it, "there's a slice of life in each strip." *First For Women* can be found on newsstands and supermarkets all across America. Barbara noted that "all the characters I work on are young, single women with red hair!" Talk about scary — this means Barbara may wind up working on Little Orphan Annie — the girl who sees without eyes! Talk about creepy!

There is perhaps nothing more terrifying than deciding what costume to wear to a Halloween party. After all, what if you can't find a Beavis to go with your Butt-Head? Nobody ever wants to wear the back end of the donkey costume! And what if everybody else at the party comes dressed as Conan O'Brien?

Fortunately, not every party requires that much preparation. We just had a simple yet elegant party of our own to celebrate the success of our four X-MEN comics from Pizza Hut. The fine folks from the Hut were kind enough to supply with enough pizza for 300 starving Marveloids. Editor of the giveaway X-comics, **Herdling** told us the Pizza Hut kid's night promotion was a resounding success. Noted Glenn, "I went to Pizza Hut the other night, and it was a pizza riot! Kids were going crazy for X-Men cups and comics!"

A pizza melee — surely a terrifying notion. You can just just picture the tomato sauce splattering the walls, and melted cheese dripping like blood!

But if you think pizza is a treat, how's this for a Halloween howler — this October 31, you can give out *comics* instead of candy! Pick up a pack of Marvel Comics Treats — a series of 8-page mini-comics featuring your favorite Marvel superstars — at your local comics shop! Each mini-comic features classic reprints of such characters as Spider-Man, X-Men, Ren & Stimpy, G.I. Joe, and Barbie. So this year, why not give the kids in your neighborhood something they can really chew on!

Till next time, we'll see you at the costume shop! And, hey — let's not all be Barney the Dinosaur this year!

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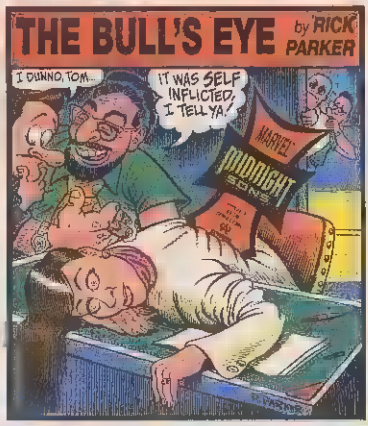
BOBBIE'S BABBLINGS

Halloween comes at the end of this month, and brings with it all manner of ghosties and ghoulies onto our streets. So it is only fitting that the Midnight Sons' hordes of ghosties and ghoulies should also pop up to take over the streets of the Marvel Universe this special month. "What's she babbling about," you ask?

"The Siege of Darkness," I reply. In the months of October and November, another evil dimension will force its way brutally into our Marvel dimension, and bring with it all manner of evil, weird, and insane demons of the unmasked variety. And they're not here for some harmless trick-or-treating! They are the Lilin, come home at last to their Mommie Dearest, Lilith, and they're planning on staying for more than just one spooky night.

If you haven't picked up a GHOST RIDER issue for a while, or one of the other MIDNIGHT SONS books, now is the perfect time. The books are starting off on a new adventure, with some old players and many new faces. We're capping off this event with a new corner symbol: starting in October, the book covers will be identified with ■ distinctive MIDNIGHT SONS dagger. Look for future appearances of Midnight Sons characters in all the books. These days, Ghost Rider might just pop in on Dr. Strange, and Werewolf by Night is ■ good buddy of Morbius. And don't worry — these titles are still Marvel Universe titles, which means your favorite heroes and villains from other titles could still pop up from time to time.



The **Siege of Darkness** crossover will include:

GHOST RIDER #44 & 45
SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE #17 & 18
MORBIUS #16 & 17
DARKHOLD #15 & 16
NIGHTSTALKERS #14 & 15
DR. STRANGE #60 & 61
MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #143 - 146
MIDNIGHT SONS UNLIMITED #4

Please add these titles to your reading list if they aren't already, and tell us what you think of the story and our new cover look!

Bobbie Chase

HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- ☐ **ALPHA FLIGHT #127:** INFINITY CRUSADE epilogue!
- ☐ **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #384:** The **Jury** wants to hang Spidey!
- ☐ **BARBIE #38:** Halloween hijinks!
- ☐ **CURSE OF THE WEIRD #1 OF 4:** Pre-Code Marvel suspense stories!
- ☐ **GHOST RIDER #44:** "Siege of Darkness" Part 2!
- ☐ **MARVEL [illegible] PRESENTS #143:** "Siege of Darkness" Part 3!
- ☐ **DARKHOLD** [illegible] "Siege of Darkness" Part 4!
- ☐ **GUARDIANS OF [illegible] GALAXY #43: Remora! Loki!** [illegible]
- ☐ **HYPERKIND** [illegible] In the clutches of **Paragon** [illegible]
- ☐ **KING ARTHUR** [illegible] **THE KNIGHTS OF JUSTICE #1 OF 3:** [illegible] on the animated hit!
- ☐ **LETHAL FOES OF SPIDER-MAN #4 OF 4:** These guys just might ■ Spidey!
- ☐ **MARVEL MONSTERWORKS TPB:** Back to terrify you again!
- ☐ **MORBIUS REVISITED** ■ **OF 5:** Morbius vs. his vampire fiancee!
- ☐ **NIGHT THRASHER** ■ Thrash is passenger 57 on a hijacked plane!
- ☐ **PSYCHONAUTS** ■ ■ ■ Pitched battle with ■ demon!
- ☐ **PUNISHER WAR** [illegible] **#22:** Punisher's RX for DX: R.I.P.!
- ☐ **QUASAR #53: Warlock** wants ■ test Quasar's worth!
- ☐ **RAVAGE 2099 #13:** Prequel to the boffo 2099 crossover!
- ☐ [illegible] [illegible] **OF** [illegible] **#216:** "Vengeance of Nitocris!"
- ☐ **SECRET DEFENDERS #10: War Machine** and [illegible] vs. Nebula!
- ☐ **SILVER SABLE #19:** Make a deal with **Venom!**
- ☐ **SLEEPWALKER #31:** Just like Elvis, Rick Sheridan is back from the dead!
- ☐ **SPIDER-WOMAN** ■ **OF 4:** How did Spider-Woman *really* get her powers?
- ☐ **TERRARISTS #2 OF 4:** Featuring a bou[illegible] trading card!
- ☐ **WOLVERINE** ■ **Alpha Flight** welcomes Wolvie back to Canada!
- ☐ **WONDER MAN** ■ Wondy goes to **Asgard!**
- ☐ **X-FACTOR #97:** Get ready, fandom! Here comes **Random!**
- ☐ **X-MEN ADVENTURES #14:** Is [illegible] ■ killer?

OUTFOXING FUNGUS LOOKING JANE PUMPKIN BULLPEN BORDERLINE BLATHER JANE DRESSING BLORIM BALL THREE STOOGES

AT OUT.

The cat's out of the bag: Top Gear 2 is the fastest Super NES game on four wheels. With 64 tracks in 16 countries. Full screen solo or split screen head-to-head racing. Day. Night. Rain. Snow. Jumps. Spins. Flips. Power-ups. And Prize Money. Just grab it and go. No matter what's in your way. [illegible]

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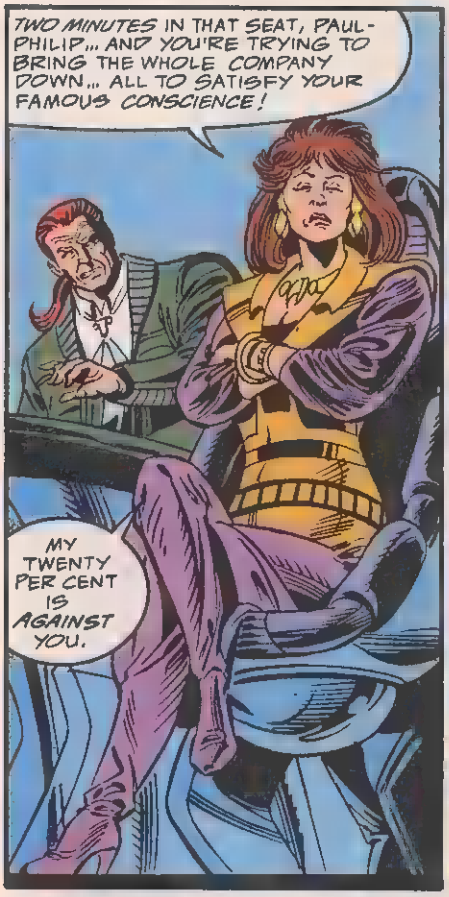
TWO MINUTES IN THAT SEAT, PAUL-PHILIP... AND YOU'RE TRYING TO BRING THE WHOLE COMPANY DOWN... ALL TO SATISFY YOUR FAMOUS CONSCIENCE!
MY TWENTY PER CENT IS AGAINST YOU.

MOM...? WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I'M WITH YOU, KNIGHT ERRANT. AS LONG AS YOU WIELD THE SWORD VALIANT -- I AM YOURS TO COMMAND...
AND MY FIVE PER CENT.

CRAZY HAG. WELL, YOU KNOW MY POINT OF VIEW, SON...
MY THIRTY-ONE PER CENT SAYS NO.

AND OBVIOUSLY GYLLA'S FIVE PER CENT STANDS WITH MINE.

WELL, NOT QUITE, SUGAR...
YOU APPOINTED PAUL-PHILIP -- I TRUST YOUR INITIAL JUDGMENT ON THIS, SO I'M VOTING WITH HIM.

HMM... I SEE... WELL, NO MATTER. THE WAY I COUNT IT UP, IT'S MY FIFTY-ONE AGAINST YOUR FORTY-NINE...
SORRY BOY... IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL.
SO HOW DOES IT FEEL IN THE DRIVING SEAT, BRO...? BIT HOT FOR YOUR PANTS, HUH?
I JUST CAN'T LET THIS GO...
THIS ISSUE'S TOO BIG FOR FAMILY POLITICS... IF THE HAMMER FALLS, MILLIONS COULD DIE.
AS THE C.E.O. OF GREEN GLOBE I CAN DO NOTHING...

BUT AS THE BEAST RAVAGE...
...I HAVE TO ACT ACCORDING TO MY NATURE.
SHAKK!
TO THE WHOLE OF NATURE.
WHICH MEANS SABOTAGING VALHALLA!
LEAVE THE COMPANY JET ON AUTO, CIRCLING OVERHEAD... CITY SECURITY WON'T TAKE ANY NOTICE OF A CONTRACTOR'S AIR VEHICLE.
THE SAFEST THING IS TO BRING IT DOWN... LET THE SEA TAKE CARE OF IT.

MY BEST OPTION IS THE GRAV LIFTERS...
THEY'LL BE IN THE BOWELS OF THE CITY...
HUMMMMMM
...JUST FOLLOW THE WHINE OF THE GENER-ATORS.
I DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO SERIAL KILLERS WHO MURDER COPS...
YOU NEED TO BE PUNISHED!
WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T THE HORNED MAN... I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU...
A PRIVATE EYE COP! BUT MY SENSES TELL ME THERE'S SOME-THING DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM...

NEXT **CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

RANTS & RAVES

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Out Of My Head

So how *are* they gonna do *MST3K* without Joel?

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

Ravage is the best character in 2099. I was skeptical at first about the horns, but Grant is doing a great job.

1) Now that Ravage has "evolved," does he still have his power blasts?

2) Is that character in issue #10 really Ravage's brother?

3) Now that he's got his new powers, will he go after Dethstryk?

Until Ravage saws off his horns, make mine Marvel.

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Ravage's power blasts were only a temporary manifestation of his transformation, Jason, but since he may still be "evolving," who knows what the future may bring?

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

I'd like to congratulate everybody that created Ravage and his crew: it's definitely a winner! When I saw the new 2099 titles I was hooked. Since January, I have collected every issue of every book in the line.

But with every good thing there's a fault. What's with this "bio-crash" thing? Barrio Man tried to describe it, but I still don't understand. Is Ravage's physical appearance permanently changed and will never be the same again? He still has his intellect and his wise-cracking attitude, so his mind must not have changed.

Also, what's with that thing that killed Ravage's brother? Is it some kind of shape-shifting alien? Will we see more of it in the future?

One more thing: what were the "strings" that Ravage's brother and father pulled for him? Until Ravage gets a haircut, make mine Marvel 2099!

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The shape-shifting sensoids are gone, and as for Ravage's appearance, see the reply to the previous letter. As for the other plot points, stay with us! Since you bring up Barrio Man, Paul, we're considering a solo story for him in 2099 UNLIMITED. What do you think?

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

Just finished reading RAVAGE 2099 #10 and I'd like to add my 2 cents. Well, my 2099 cents! After reading the now famous issue #9, I was left in a state of total shock and mixed feelings. I felt both disappointment and wonderment. The whole issue left me with whiplash! I mean it was bye Stan, bye Paul, bye Tiana, bye Dack, bye old Ravage and bye old powers. Then, hello Mills and Skinner, hello Grant, hello savage Ravage and hello all new direction! I was so mixed up and confused that I almost stopped buying the book! Now that issue #10 is out, I am SO GLAD that I decided to keep reading RAVAGE 2099!

Issue #10 left me feeling great about the direction of the series! The new Ravage is totally cool! Even though he can transform into one of the most hideous things since Hulk 2099, he can still show emotion in his bio-crashed state. I think that's great! The new savage Ravage is a force that's gonna be tough to handle!

Ravage's new outfit blows the old one away. It fits his new personality, but still makes him look like a great Marvel hero!

It was also a pleasure to see Ravage get back into civilian life. Now he can attempt to put his human life back together. If it isn't too much to ask, I hope you give Ravage a romantic interest. I mean this guy's been to Hellrock and back and with Tiana gone for who knows how long, don't you think Ravage needs a new love?

I really like what Mills and Skinner are doing with Ravage, and to think I was going to stop collecting it! I'm really looking forward to future issues of RAVAGE 2099 as well as all the other 2099 books!

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Tim, we're glad you stuck with us! We never say "bye" to anyone permanently. Joey just got off the phone with Paul Ryan. He sends y'all his warm regards, and might be lured back to a 2099 project once the cataclysmic current events in FANTASTIC FOUR are revealed! And hey, Tiana plays a major part in "The Fall of the Hammer," in two months!

Yo Joe!,

Ravage's facelift is a great idea, but why did you take away his old powers? For another thing, forget crossovers, I want to see a one-on-one, no-holds-barred battle between Ravage 2099 and the Punisher 2099!

I have Dethstryk's identity figured out, he's really a robot who's the head of Alchemax!

An idea for a new 2099 title? The unique thing about the 2099 books is that all of them (except RAVAGE 2099) are heroes from today in a future incarnation. A pretty good trick would be to reverse it: a person from the future in today's world. Maybe the Guardians of the Galaxy.

I'm looking forward to seeing X-MEN 2099. Ciao!

(Name and address withheld)

One battle royale coming up! Check out the Next Issue box!

Dear *Rants and Raves*,

Holy shock! This new Ravage is way cool!

1) Who is Avatarr?

2) When will Ravage confront Dethstryk?

3) When will Ravage bring down Alchemax?

Well, gotta go!

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Jimbo, Avatarr's so mysterious that even we're not really sure who he is. But we're sure he's not a robot, as the previous correspondent claimed!

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

SPIDER-MAN 2099 #14 *The Net Prophet and Spidey form a partnership and clean up Downtown!*

DOOM 2099 #12 *The triumphant conclusion to the Wakanda trilogy! But a triumph for whom...the Lord of Latveria, or the resurrected ruler Thandaza?*

THE PUNISHER 2099 #11 *Jake vs. Jigsaw 2099! They're taking odds in Vegas on the outcome!*

X-MEN 2099 #3 *Speaking of Vegas, it's the final resting place for one of our hapless heroes! Who dies? Who survives? Do you seriously think we'll tell you here?*

NEXT ISSUE

Ravage and the Punisher meet, agree to complete disarmament, and discuss the novels of Jane Austen over a cup of hot cocoa. Yeah, right. A typical issue of *Better Homes & Gardens* would have more thrills! Let's just say that the crossover has more freewheeling action than most comics can contain, so Jake and Paul-Philip are gonna clash a month *early!* We're betting none of you soreheads will want your money back!